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SUBJECT: BRITISH REACTIONS TO US-SOVIET NUCLEAR ACCORD

1. BRITISH PRESS HAS WITHOUT EXCEPTION WELCOMED AGREE-
MENT IN PRINCIPLE BY PRESIDENT FORD AND MR. BREZHNEV ON
A NEW ACCORD TO LIMIT STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WHILE
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U.S. ARMS INDUSTRIES AND ITS SPONSOR, "THE SENATOR FROM BOEING;" AND GREAT POWER CLASHES OVER OTHER ISSUES, PARTICULARLY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST), MOST JOURNALS ACCEPT AT FACE VALUE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ASSURANCES "WE ARE IN THE BALLPARK" ON THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF A NEW SALT AGREEMENT AND THAT, THEREFORE FULL AGREEMENT BY NEXT JUNE IS A REASONABLE GOAL.

2. "HOPE" IS THE OPERATIVE WORD FOR MUCH OF THE 25 AND 26 NOVEMBER EDITORIAL COMMENT, WITH SEVERAL JOURNALS POINTING UP WHAT THEY CONSIDER UNSETTLING ASPECTS OF THE FORD-BREZHNEV ACCORD. THE GUARDIAN NOTES THAT LAST WEEKEND'S "BREAKTHROUGH" IS JUST AN "AGREEMENT TO AGREE" AND STATES THAT, EVEN IF THE MILITARY ON EACH SIDE CAN BE SATISFIED THAT IT WILL HAVE AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND WEAPONS, "IT IS INEVITABLE THAT THERE WILL BE MORE MISSILES IN THE 1980S AND THAT THEY WILL BE EVEN DEADLIER". THE TELEGRAPH STRESSES MOSCOW'S REPUTATION AS A TOUGH NEGOTIATOR AND ASKS HOW THE PROBLEMS RAISED BY SOVIET IRBMS AIMED AT EIUOPE, THE USSR'S POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF A FIRST-STRIKE CAPABILITY, AND DIFFICULTIES IN VERIFICATION ARE TO BE RESOLVED.

3. THE TIMES AND THE FINANCIAL TIMES EMPHASIZE THE NEED TO VIEW ANY NEW SALT AGREEMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF BOTH US-SOVIET AND EAST-WEST RELATIONS AS A WHOLE. "DETENTE IS INDIVISIBLE," EDITORIALIZED THE TIMES; "RUSSIAN INTENTIONS MUST BE TESTED NOT ONLY IN SALT BUT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IN CENTRAL EUROPE, AND IN THE FOOD AND ENERGY CRISES ...THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH NOW FOLLOW FROM THE AGREEMENT WILL BE WATCHED CLOSELY FOR MUCH MORE THAN WHAT THEY ACHIEVE IN TERMS OF NUCLEAR HARDWARE".

4. WRITING FROM WASHINGTON, THE GUARDIAN'S SIMON WINCHESTER SAYS CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO A NEW SALT ACCORD WILL COME ONLY FROM THE RIGHT, WHOSE PHILOSOPHY REFLECTS A DEMAND FOR CONSTANCY OF MILITARY MIGHT AND A DEEP SKEPTICISIM OF BOTH DETENTE AND ARMS LIMITATION. HE LAMENTS A TOTAL LACK OF "DOVE-ISH OPPOSITION" TO THE NEW AGREEMENT, "WHICH WILL ACTUALLY DO A DISSERVICE TO
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ARMS CONTROL BY MERELY ALTERING THE DIRECTION OF THE ARMS RACE".

5. OFFICIAL INTEREST IS EXTREMELY HIGH. WE HAVE PROVIDED TEXT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S 24 NOVEMBER PRESS BRIEFING TO FCO AND MOD, WHICH ARE EAGER TO HAVE MORE DETAIL AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. WE WOULD EXPECT TO BEGIN RECEIVING INFORMAL OFFICIAL REACTIONS SOON AFTER

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